



# State Representative Marilyn Giuliano

Dear Friends,

The 2006 legislative session for the most part was a beneficial one for Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook and Westbrook.

This year's transportation package, which I cosponsored, authorizes funding to rehabilitate passenger rail cars for use on the Shore Line East rail service, acquiring enough rail equipment to add at least 1,000 additional seats for Shore Line East, and for highway and traffic flow improvements on I-95.

Annual funding for local schools and road maintenance is up from last year and several grants were authorized for projects that benefit the 23rd District.

They include:

- **\$84,474** for an alteration project at the Old Saybrook Middle School.
- **\$45,000** for equipment and kitchen furnishings for the Mulvey Senior Center at Westbrook Town Hall.
- **\$3,000** for the Florence Griswold Museum in Old Lyme.

I worked with the Department of Environmental Protection to appoint two additional marine patrol conservation officers who will do boating safety and noise checks on the lower Connecticut River and coastal Long Island Sound this summer.

Supplemental special education grants for local school districts that will be disbursed in 2007 also were authorized. The funding includes **\$78,908 for Old Saybrook, \$22,956 for Westbrook, and \$117,999 for Lyme-Old Lyme Public Schools**. The grants are in addition to the towns' annual Education Cost Sharing and current special education grants.

Thank you for the honor and privilege of representing you at our state legislature in Hartford.

Sincerely,



Rep. Giuliano presents a citation from the General Assembly and a proclamation from the Governor's Office to Emily Zemba of Old Lyme (to left of Rep. Giuliano) honoring her as a recipient of the Girl Scout Gold Award.

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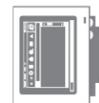


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# 2006 LEGISLATIVE REPORT



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**Representative Giuliano follows debate on the floor of the state House of Representatives during the 2006 legislative session.**

### Protecting Your Interests

During the 2006 session, as always, I worked on behalf of the 23rd District's families, children, seniors and taxpayers. I supported measures to spur economic growth, create jobs, ease traffic congestion, preserve the environment, and protect consumers.

### Creating More Jobs

Connecticut still lags behind most other states in economic growth and job creation. To help rectify that situation, I cosponsored a law that exempts machinery and equipment from the property tax to help our struggling manufacturers, and provides tax credits to encourage film production, which will help create thousands of new jobs in our state.

### Fostering Technological Innovation

I supported legislation to promote research in the growing field of nanotechnology, a branch of engineering that deals with extremely small electronic circuits and mechanical devices designed and manufactured at the molecular level.

### Nurturing Microbusinesses and New Companies

Under an act I cosponsored, the state will provide matching financial assistance for micro-businesses that receive funding through two federal programs, and venture capital for newly-established or expanding businesses that are in the early stages of developing new products and processes.

### Office of the Business Advocate

An Office of the Business Advocate was established under a law I cosponsored. The office will contact micro and small businesses that could benefit from business assistance programs, provide information about the programs, and help businesses access them.

### Encouraging Math and Science Proficiency

I cosponsored legislation that creates three pilot programs for certain teenage students to help them attain proficiency in mathematics and science and to prepare them for future employment with technology-based companies in Connecticut.

### Recruiting the Best and the Brightest

I cosponsored an act that establishes a program to recruit eminent faculty and their research staff to the University of Connecticut and creates grant programs to repay student loans for engineers and people who hold specific doctoral degrees.

### Protecting Long Island Sound

I voted for a law to encourage municipal wastewater treatment plants and private sector entities to reduce the amount of nitrogen they discharge into Long Island Sound.

### Supporting Lobster Restoration Efforts

I supported legislation establishing a Lobster Restoration Advisory Committee to advise the Commissioner of Environmental Protection on the development of a lobster conservation program to enhance the recovery and rebuilding of lobster stock in Long Island Sound.

### Clean Cars Program

I supported a measure to establish a greenhouse gas labeling program for new motor vehicles starting with 2009 models. The program will enable potential buyers to determine which cars are environmentally-friendly, and which ones are less so.

### Curbing Underage Drinking

To reduce underage drinking and help prevent serious or fatal accidents, I voted for a law that makes it illegal for parents or other adults to host parties where the consumption of alcoholic beverages by teenagers is tolerated.

### Preventing Harassment of Crime Victims

To protect crime victims from being victimized twice by the same perpetrator, I voted for a law to require convicted criminals to file certificates stating that lawsuits they bring against their victims have merit and are not being done maliciously.

### Helping Disabled Veterans

Veterans' disability payments will be excluded in the calculation of income to determine eligibility for income-based property tax exemptions under a law I cosponsored.



**Rep. Giuliano, Selectman Bill Peace, left, and First Selectman Michael Pace participate in a Memorial Day tribute to fallen firefighters in Old Saybrook.**



**Rep. Giuliano receives a petition from environmentalists Christopher Cryder and Suellen Kozey McCuin calling for state funding to purchase the coastal forest known as "The Preserve," most of which is located in Old Saybrook, with smaller portions in Essex and Westbrook.**

### Breast Cancer Screening

I cosponsored a law to require insurers to provide added coverage for breast cancer screening if a woman is believed to be at increased risk for breast cancer because of family history, her prior breast cancer history or other indications determined by her physician.

### Property Tax Relief for Seniors

Municipalities will be allowed to freeze property taxes for certain elderly persons under an act I supported. To be eligible for the benefit, homeowners or their spouses must be age 70 or older, have lived in the state for at least one year, and meet the same income limits that apply to the existing state-reimbursed "circuit breaker" program.

### State Budget

I supported the 2006-07 budget because it helps Connecticut's families. Spending is held in check and the Rainy Day fund is replenished. It increases the tax credit property owners can take to reduce their state income tax liability to \$500 for the 2006 tax year. The budget makes prudent use of the surplus. It directs \$245 million to the state Teachers Retirement Fund and earmarks \$6.5 million for early childhood education so children enter kindergarten ready to learn. It also makes financial commitments to nursing homes, and expands health care and home care coverage for eligible seniors. Tax deductions were preserved for parents and grandparents who save for a child's college education.